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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OF CHAD VISITS SUDAN

REF: KHARTOUM 1517 (NOTAL)

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1. GENERAL FELIX MALLOUM, PRESIDENT OF CHAD, LEFT KHARTOUM MORNING AUG 6 FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE DELEGATION, AND NIMEIRI MET HIM AND SAW HIM OFF. BASED ON JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH BOTH NIMEIRI AND MALLOUM SIGNED, PRIMARY SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS WAS COOPERATION BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES. BOTH PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TOWARD "GOOD NEIGHBOR" POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUDAN AND CHAD WHICH WAS SIGNED IN 1966. THERE WAS MENTION IN COMMUNIQUE OF DECISION "TO ACTIVATE" EXISTING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. THERE WAS ALSO SOME INDICATION OF COOPERATION IN WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT.

2. WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, COMMUNIQUE MADE USUAL REFERENCES TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES AS WELL AS
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EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. THERE

WAS EXPLICIT DEMAND THAT FRENCH WITHDRAW FROM MYOTTE AND IMPLICIT CRITICISM OF FRENCH (AND ISRAELI) MILITARY SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA. ALSO THERE WAS USUAL EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR "EGYPT, THE NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE". END UNCLASSIFIED

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4. COMMENT: VISIT OF CHAD PRESIDENT WAS ARRANGED FOLLOWING ABORTIVE EARLY JULY COUP ATTEMPT (REFTEL) IN WHICH SOME CHADIAN MERCENARIES PARTICIPATED. WE DO NOT KNOW IN WHAT MANNER THIS SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED; WE UNDERSTAND NIMEIRI SCOLDED RECENT ETHIOPIAN VISITORS. NIMEIRI MAY HAVE URGED GREATER SECURITY PRECAUTIONS BY MALLOUM, AND WE THINK IT LIKELY TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED THEIR COMMON ANTAGONISM TOWARD LIBYAN REGIME. WITH VISIT OF CHAD PRESIDENT TO KHARTOUM, NIMEIRI HAS NOW MET IN PAST FEW WEEKS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM ALL COUNTRIES BORDERING SUDAN EXCEPT ZAIRE AND KENYA, AS WELL AS, OF COURSE, LIBYA. BOGOSIAN

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